

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

TRIBUTE TO PATRIOTS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens and communities of the great state of North Carolina continue to live in liberty because of the noble and brave sacrifices made by those who continue to answer our nation's call to serve in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, in times of peace and national peril, in times past and in the present, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina, the most military-friendly state in this great nation, is comprised of Fort Bragg Army Base - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune - Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point - Marine Corps Air Station New River - Pope Air Force Base - Seymour Johnson Air Force Base - Elizabeth City Coast Guard Support Station - North Carolina National Guard Units and Armed Forces Reserve Training Centers; and

WHEREAS, there over 790,000 veterans in North Carolina and approximately 150,000 North Carolina patriots currently serving who, while seeking no special recognition, have ensured or continue to ensure freedom and liberty is preserved in the United States of America and exported abroad; and

WHEREAS, their continued heroism, valor, and loyalty to the tenets of democracy and commitment to the selfless devotion to duty in the North Carolina tradition of preserving the highest ideals of citizenship, patriotism and "service above self" constitutes the foundation of liberty and strength of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is an honor and privilege for our state, local communities, businesses, organizations and individuals to express our humble appreciation to the veterans, reservists, active military personnel and their families, whose contributions and personal sacrifices serve as a constant reminder of the high price that freedom requires in defending our homeland and in fighting this nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember, respect, and honor our veterans, the active duty men and women of all services, and especially those currently deployed in harm's way, as we pay special tribute to those defenders of liberty who preserve and perpetuate the ideals of freedom that continue to provide the foundation of this nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 17-23, 2008, as North Carolina's second annual "TRIBUTE TO PATRIOTS WEEK" and urge our citizens to join me in this worthwhile observance as we focus on our appreciation and responsibility to them.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol on this tenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.